Texas Providers Webinar Highlights - October 26, 2021

Read below for topics covered or view the <u>full video</u> for detailed information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

On October 21st, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. **Any of the COVID-19 vaccines can be used for booster vaccination, regardless of the vaccine product used for primary vaccination**. When a heterologous or "mix and match" booster dose is administered, the eligible population and dosing intervals are those of the vaccine used for primary vaccination. For more information, please visit this <u>CDC webpage</u>.

Booster Dose Reporting in ImmTrac2

- Providers are required to report all administered COVID-19 boosters in the Texas Immunization Registry, ImmTrac2.
- While Moderna's COVID-19 booster dose is 50 mcg, compared to the 100 mcg primary series dosage, NDC and CVX codes are to remain the same for both the 100 and 50 mcg dose strengths of Moderna. When entering Moderna boosters in ImmTrac2, select "Half" from the "Dose" dropdown menu.

A Word from the VacShipments Team

- Providers may continue to place order requests for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11 in the Vaccine Allocation & Ordering System (VAOS). Providers may order **full pack sizes (100 doses)** which are shipped from the CDC, **or single vials (10 doses)** which are delivered by the State shipping partner, Cold Chain Technologies.
- The formulation and dosage varies between the Pfizer COVID-19 adult and pediatric vaccines. Providers should **not administer Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine from a vial with a purple cap to pediatric patients.**
- Between **Friday, October 29**th and **Wednesday, November 3**rd shipments of Pfizer COVID-19 adult vaccine (1170-dose pack) will be **suspended**. Shipping for the Pfizer COVID-19 adult vaccine will **resume** on **Thursday, November 4**th. This shipment delivery suspension applies to **both full pack size orders** of 1170 doses and to **less than full pack size orders** of Pfizer COVID-19 adult vaccine. Providers may continue to place order requests for Pfizer COVID-19 adult vaccine in VAOS during this time.

Provider Resources:

- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources</u> (training and support materials)
- ImmTrac2 User Training Site
- ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment</u> Information
- CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines
- DSHS Provider Help Desk: (833) 832-7068, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email:
 COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

Session Live Q&A:

- Is it recommended for an immunocompromised individual who has already received an additional dose to also get a booster dose?
- Will providers who order Moderna COVID-19
 vaccine receive different syringes, since the booster
 dosage is half the amount of the primary dosage?
- How can I report booster dose waste in the Vaccine Allocation & Ordering System (VAOS)?
 - Will the same diluent be used for the pediatric and adult Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine? If so, will the quantity of diluent be different for pediatric doses?